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10/016,514	12/17/2001	Mark R. Easter	110938-00132	8304

TITLE OF INVENTION: SEMICONDUCTIVE COMPOSITIONS AND CABLE SHIELDS EMPLOYING SAME

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Examiner: William H. MAYO

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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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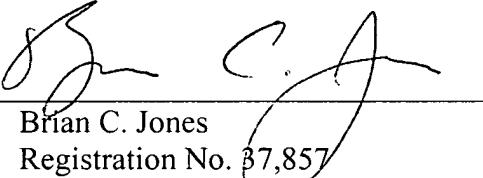
Applicant hereby submits the following comments on the Examiner's reasons for allowance set forth on page 2, of the Notice of Allowability dated October 22, 2004:

It is noted that the Examiner has identified, in the statement of reasons for allowance, that this invention deals with a cable comprising a semi-conducting layer having an accelerated cable life testing (ACLT) Weibull Beta value of 1.5 or more (claim 1). This invention also deals with a semi-conductive shield made from the composition that has an accelerated cable life testing (ACLT) Weibull Beta value of 1.5 or more (claim 12). The Examiner further states in the Reasons For Allowance that the above stated claim limitations, in combination with other claim limitations, are not taught or suggested by the prior art of record.

Applicant notes that there are certainly additional, independent reasons that the claims are patentable, for example, that Reid et al (U.S. Patent No. 6,086,792) explicitly teaches away from the claimed carbon particle size.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.104(e), these comments are submitted within the time set by the Examiner in the Notice of Allowability.

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